

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME  
DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
NEWS RELEASE**



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**NORTON SOUND KING CRAB SUMMER COMMERCIAL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Norton Sound red king crab summer commercial fishery including CDQ opened July 3, 2013. To date, 33 out of the registered 36 vessels have made at least one delivery. Total reported harvest as of the morning of September 8 is approximately 341,000 pounds, including CDQ. The remaining CDQ quota is approximately 21,000 pounds and the remaining open access quota is approximately 133,000 pounds. The guideline harvest level will not be reached this year.

A handful of newly molted crabs have been observed in the commercial fishery, but meat fill samples from the major buyer have held steady between 60–70% by weight since early August.

To provide additional harvest opportunity on the remaining quota, the department will extend the fishery until 6:00 p.m., Friday, September 13. Fishermen and buyers are encouraged to remain in close contact with the department for short notice announcements.

For any questions regarding fishing, please call Fish & Game in Nome at 443-5167 or 1-800-560-2271. Good Luck and Good Crabbing.